New Labour Policy

†577. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently considered any proposal to formulate any new labour policy for the labours engaged in the organised and unorganised sectors;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed new labour policy;

(c) to what extent the new rights of labourers would be brought under the purview of new labour policy; and

(d) whether there is also any provision to strengthen their pay structures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) Review/updation of Labour Policy is a continuous process so as to ensure its relevance to the emerging needs. The thrust of the Labour Policy during the Ninth Five Year Plan is on consolidation and strengthening of the base created through tripartism for maintaining industrial peace and harmony. The policy parameters include development of a labour policy in tune with the economic policy with a thrust on appropriate employment and wage policy. The policy also aims at strengthening protection of interests of the labour and improving their health and safety in workplace in the organised/ unorganised sectors including proper social security. There are also special programmes to promote employment, develop skills, enhance technological levels and strengthen infrastructure.

Welfare Schemes for Unorganised Tribal and SC Workers

578. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state whether Government are bringing a comprehensive legislation for the social security, health care and employment guarantee of large number of unorganised tribal, scheduled caste, poor workers working in dense forest for plucking of

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